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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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1. I am attaching a memo from [] relating to the COINS project and some security implications.

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2. [] memo was an input used to determine an Agency position which was made known at the 28 January meeting of USIB's Information Handling Committee which met to discuss the future of COINS. Though at this juncture it is not certain, it looks as though the Agency view will be adopted by the IHC. I am attaching a copy of the Agency position.

3. In the meantime, it seems clear to me that we must make some effort in the Agency to reach some conclusions on security aspects as described by [] and on alternatives for arranging Agency participation in future Community programs. Such alternatives include acquisition of a computer dedicated solely to such a purpose and separation of SANCA from machines involved in COINS. These alternatives are costly and may not be feasible. 25X1A

4. A final judgment will rest to a large degree on a practical determination of security risk of SANCA vs. COINS. I note that [] claims a lack of resources to conduct the analysis. I would like to suggest that [] of the O/PPB Staff consult with [] to try to pin down the scope and costs involved in any such analysis so that we can jointly determine how to proceed. Colonel White is staying in touch with COINS developments and we will want eventually to obtain his approval of actions deemed appropriate. 25X1A

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